for the supply of 257 tonnes of thionyl chloride. The two parties have since decided to terminate the contract by mutual consent.

Hiring of a firm in America for lobbying

*229. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to hire a top public relations firm in the United States to lobby on behalf of Government;

(b) if so, which firms have been interviewed for this purpose; and

(c) what is the decision of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) to (c) From time to time we have considered proposals on this point.

Recently, a large number of firms were screened and interviewed in our Mission in Washington. This question continues to be under examination, and, therefore, it would be inappropriate, at this stage, to disclose the names of firms etc.

भारत का प्रक्षेपास्त्र परीक्षण उपकरणों का विक्रय न करने का संयुक्त राज्य अमरीका का निर्णय

*230. **श्री शान्ति त्यागी :** क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बुश प्रशासन ने भारत को अत्याधुनिक प्रक्षेपास्त्र परीक्षण उपकरणों का विक्रय न करने का निर्णय किया है;

(ख) क्या हमारे रक्षा मंत्री ने इस मामले पर संयुक्त राज्य अमरीका के प्राधिकारियों के साथ उस देश की अपनी हाल की यात्रा के दौरान बातचीत की थी;

(ग) यदि हां, तो संयुक्त राज्य अमरीका सरकार के इस निर्णय पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० नरसिंह राव) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) भारत सरकार को अमरीकी सरकार के फैसले पर खेद है और उसने इस प्रकार की प्रणाली को देश में ही विकसित करने का फैसला किया है।

Implementation of the recommendations of the empowered committee on matters relating to Kendriya Vidyalayas

*231. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:

SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what decisions have been taken by Government on the recommendations of the Empowered Committee set up to study the feasibility of the recommendations made by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Review Committee regarding promotional and training patterns and on reorganisation of Kendriya Vidyalayas; and

(b) what are the reasons for not executing its decisions so far?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b). The recommendations of the Review Committee have been forwarded to the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan to take follow up action as per rules. Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has informed that these will be placed before the next meeting of the Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.